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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, SHUM, MZ, WZ

SUBJECT: MOZAMBICAN REFUGEES DETAINED IN SWAZILAND

REF: STATE 92413

1. UNHCR REP SABITI TOLD EMBASSY APRIL 20 THAT HE HAS LEARNED FROM GOS, AFTER THE FACT, THAT THREE OF THE EIGHT JAILED MOZAMBICAN REFUGEES HAVE RETURNED TO MOZAMBIQUE "VOLUNTARILY." SABITI DOUBTS THEY ACTED ON THEIR OWN. (COMMENT: SABITI HAD TOLD ME SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THAT ALL JAILED MOZAMBICANS WERE SO FED UP WITH TREATMENT AT HANDS OF GOS THAT THEY WOULD WILLINGLY FACE PERSONAL DANGER OF RETURNING HOME. SO IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT THEY LEFT WITH LITTLE OR NO PRESSURE FROM GOS.)

2. SABITI IS CONCERNED THAT REFUGEES DID NOT INFORM HIM OF THEIR INTENTIONS AND DID NOT SIGN PAPERS WHICH REFUGEES ARE APPARENTLY EXPECTED TO SIGN ON THEIR DEPARTURE FROM COUNTRY OF ASYLUM.  
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3. GIVEN THE SMALL NUMBER OF GOS OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN REFUGEE MATTERS AND SMALL GEOGRAPHIC AREA INVOLVED HERE, GOS' FAILURE TO KEEP SABITI CURRENT ON DEVELOPMENTS IS INDICATIVE OF BAD FAITH AND NOT MERELY THE RESULT OF USUAL BUREAUCRATIC INEFFICIENCY.  
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